

NEWS RELEASE

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT SEMINARS SCHEDULED

The County of Los Angeles is sponsoring a series of free seminars during October-December to assist property owners who feel their taxes should be lowered due to a decline in the value of their property.

The 90 - minute seminars will be offered six times at six locations: Cerritos, Culver City, El Monte, Glendale, Lancaster and Van Nuys. Additional meetings will be scheduled throughout the County on a year-round basis.

With the improvement in the real estate market, some homeowners who recently have received a "Notice of Assessed Value Change" have questions regarding their appeal rights.

The meetings are intended to help taxpayers better understand the assessment appeals process, which many find confusing. The seminars will be of value to homeowners who are interested in learning about the assessment appeals process and to those who have already filed an appeal. The seminars will cover taxpayers appeal rights and when to file an application for reduction in assessment. The seminars will also cover how to prepare for a hearing, what qualifies as admissible evidence, what will happen at the hearing and what to expect after the hearing.

The dates, times and locations of the sessions are:

Cerritos – Cerritos Park East Community Center, 13234 E. 166^{th} St., Malibu Room , Monday, Dec. 18-10 a.m. Free parking.

Culver City - Public Library, 4975 Overland Ave., Monday, Nov. 20 - 10 a.m. Free parking; also free parking at the Assessor's Office at 4909 Overland Ave.

El Monte - Jack Crippen Senior Center, Crafts Room, 3120 N. Tyler Ave., Thursday, Nov.16 - 10 a.m. Free parking.

Glendale - Public Library, 222 E. Harvard St., Wednesday, Oct. 4 - 10 a.m. The library will validate three hours parking at the corner of Maryland and Harvard.

Lancaster – Public Library, 601 W. Lancaster Blvd., Wednesday, Oct. 18 – 10 a.m. Free parking.

Van Nuys – Bernardi Senior Center, 6514 Sylmar Ave., Wednesday, Dec.13 – 2 p.m. Free parking, entrance on Hamlin Street.

Persons with disabilities who believe they need reasonable accommodation or help in order to attend a seminar may call (213) 974-1431. Hearing-impaired persons with TDD equipment may leave a typewritten message by calling (213) 974-1707 (TDD). Schedules for meetings may be obtained by calling (213) 974-4240 or on the Internet at http://bos.co.la.ca.us/SCRIPTS/publiced.htm